

**The President.** [*Inaudible*—if you want to come down here and have a tour, I'd be glad to have you down here.

**Ms. Weatherspoon.** We're coming! [*Laughter*]

**The President.** All right.

**Team member.** You are one of a kind, aren't you, honey? [*Laughter*]

**Ms. Coyle.** Mr. President, This is Maureen Coyle again. I'm actually going to hold your scheduling people to that.

**The President.** All right. We'll do it. We'll set up a tour.

**Ms. Coyle.** Thank you very much.

**Team.** Thank you.

**The President.** Goodbye. Thanks.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:53 p.m. from a private residence. Maureen Coyle is director of public relations, New York Liberty.

### Remarks on the Death of Princess Diana and an Exchange With Reporters in Martha's Vineyard August 31, 1997

**The President.** Good morning. Let me say again how very sad Hillary and I are about the terrible accident that has taken the life of Princess Diana and the others who were with her. We liked her very much. We admired her work for children, for people with AIDS, for the cause of ending the scourge of landmines in the world, and for her love for her children, William and Harry.

I know that this is a very difficult time for millions of people in the United Kingdom who are deeply shocked and grieving, and the American people send their condolences to all of them. We value their friendship, and we understand this great and painful experience.

For myself, I will always be glad that I knew the Princess and always think of her in very strong and positive terms, as will Hillary, and we can only hope that her work will go forward and that everyone who can, will support her two fine sons and help them to have the life and the future that she would want.

Thank you.

**Q.** Mr. President, you, yourself, on this vacation have been subject to intrusive photog-

raphers. Is there a lesson in this tragedy for the press? Should we back off?

**The President.** I think it is better right now if we let a little time pass and let this event and the people involved be honored and grieved, and then we'll have time to think about that and maybe make a better judgment. I think it's better for me not to say anything until this moment has received its due respect.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:20 a.m. at the press pool holding area.

### Remarks to Oak Bluffs School Teachers in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts September 3, 1997

**The President.** Thank you very much, Dr. Cash, Mr. Binney, all the teachers who are here. I am delighted to have this chance to come by and visit with you. I know I'm on vacation, but when school starts, if I don't participate in some start-of-school event—[*laughter*—I begin to have a nervous twitch, and I—[*laughter*—and I was delighted to be invited to come by and spend a few moments with you.

Let me begin by saying, as you know, our family has been on vacation here now for a little over 2 weeks, and we have until the end of this week. This is the longest time we've been away together in a very long time, and it's been a wonderful opportunity for us. We love it here. And it's especially important this year because this is the last family vacation we'll have before our daughter begins her next big educational adventure. So it's been great.

You know, every start of a school year is special because, as you well know, teachers come together with a new sense of dedication and energy and students show up wide-eyed in anticipation and parents pour all their hopes into what they hope will come out of the next year, that they're all truly wonderful. And I think they reflect the central premise of what you do for a living, and that is that our most important common enterprise as a people is clearly education. It's necessary not only for young people to grow up and be